

(b) the value of such gas flared year-wise at gross current prices effective in the country without taking into special discount given to Assam;

(c) the gas produced is used for internal consumption by ONGC, year-wise, and whether any royalty is paid on the gas so used; and

(d) whether the Government are considering cutting down, if not total stoppage, of production of crude oil until arrangements are made for commercial exploitation of the bulk of the associated gas to avoid wanton waste of precious national wealth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c). The flaring and internal consumption of gas by ONGC in Assam during the last three years upto 1995-96 and the value of the flared gas are given in the table below :

	1993-94	94-95	95-96
Gas Flaring (MMSCM)	254	261	134
* Value of gas flared (Rs/crores)	38.1	39.2	20.1
Int. Use (MMSCM)	90	75	118

*Calculation at Rs. 1500 per thousand cu.mtrs.

No royalty is paid on the gas internally used by ONGC

(d) ONGC is implementing projects to reduce gas flaring to technical levels. In view of the shortage of crude oil in the country, it is not considered feasible to cut down oil production on account of gas flaring.

Drinking and Sewerage Projects

4366. SHRI ANANTH KUMAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of drinking water supply and sewerage projects of Karnataka for which Central assistance has been sanctioned during the Eighth Plan period; year-wise;

(b) the total amount earmarked for these projects in the Eighth Plan period and the quantum of money spent on the projects till date and the amount yet to be utilised; and

(c) the stage at which these projects stand at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) (i) In the State of Karnataka under the Centrally sponsored

Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme 8 schemes at a total project cost of Rs. 475.70 lacs have been approved since 1993-94 for providing central assistance for safe and adequate water supply facilities to towns having population less than 20,000 (As per 1991 Census). Year-wise breakup of schemes sanctioned is given in the attached statement.

(ii) Under the centrally sponsored scheme of infrastructure development of mega cities, water supply projects amounting to Rs. 44.19 crores have been approved by the State Level Sanctioning Committee in the year 1995-96 for Bangalore City.

There is no Central sector programme for providing central assistance for sewerage schemes.

(b) (i) Under Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme Out of a total allocation of Rs. 337.74 lacs under the 8th Plan for Karnataka, an amount of Rs. 190.27 lacs has been released as Central share so far and an expenditure of Rs. 109.58 lacs has been reported to have been incurred in respect of these schemes.

(ii) An amount of Rs. 35.28 crores has been released as Central share for all projects eligible for assistance under the Mega City Programme which includes water supply components.

(c) Water supply being State subject, the preparation, execution and maintenance of water supply schemes is the responsibility of the State Governments. The State Government has accorded administrative approval in respect of projects for six towns under the Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme, namely; Belur, Saligram Chitaguppa, Kuttur, Kerur and Mundagi. Work is reported to be in progress on all these six schemes.

STATEMENT

Sanctioned Schemes

S.No.	Name of Town	Year of Sanction	Project cost (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Belur	March, 94	90.00
2.	Saligrama	March, 94	64.03
3.	Chittaguppa	March, 94	97.20
4.	Kuttur	March, 94	62.64
5.	Kerur	March, 94	37.80
6.	Mundargi	March, 94	32.73
7.	Sadilga	March, 94	54.50
8.	Naval Gund	July, 96	38.80
			475.70